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SUBJ: JAPANESE LABOR'S OVERSEAS QUEST FOR SUPPORT ON STRIKE
RIGHT ISSUE

REF: TOKYO A-829, OCT 15, 1973

1. EXPANDING ON TRIP TO ATTEND AN ITF CONFERENCE IN BASEL, JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILWAY WORKERS UNIONS (KOKURO & DORO) HAVE EMBARKED ON ROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR SEEKING SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE RIGHT TO STRIKE FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHER JAPANESE PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS. MISSION HEADED BY ICHIZO SAKAI, VICE PRES., SOHYO AND KOKURO, AND INCLUDES TETSUTOSHI KISHI (KOKURO) AND MIYOSHI YANAGISAWA (DORO).

2. MISSION DEPARTS TOKYO MAR 6 AND PLANS MAKING FOLLOWING CONTACTS: SAN FRANCISCO - ILWU; CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON - BRAC; LONDON (MAR 10) - ITF AND RAILWAY WORKERS; BRUSSELS
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(MAR 11) - ICFTU AND WCL; FRANKFURT (MAR 12) - RR WORKERS;

ROME (MAR 15) - CGIL, CISC AND UIL; BASEL (MAR 18-21) -
ITF MEETING; PARIS (MAR 22) - CGT. THEY ALSO HOPE TO VISIT
WFTU IN PRAGUE BEFORE RETURNING JAPAN MAR 25.

3. COMMENT: MISSION'S ANNOUNCED PURPOSE IS TO DEMONSTRATE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR'S OBJECTIONS TO GOJ REFUSAL TO LEGALIZE
PUBLIC SECTOR STRIKES THROUGH FOREIGN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS'
REPRESENTATIONS AND APPLICATION OF OTHER PRESSURES ON JAPANESE
EMBASSIES ABROAD. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FAILURE OF MUCH
STRONGER TACTICS AT HOME TO AFFECT GOJ POSITION, MISSION'S
CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO HAVE LITTLE IMPACT. HOWEVER SOHYO
AND ITS AFFILIATES MAY DERIVE SOME BENEFIT FROM PUBLICITY
WITHIN JAPAN OF THIS EFFORT TO ELICIT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.
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